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Paris January 18th 1830

My dear Sir

Your welcome and most interesting letter, of the 29th Has Not Been directly acknowledged by me, as I Have Requested the Amiable friend Has allyn to inform You it Had Been gratefully Received. I Have long Been in Expectation of Captain allyn and When it Has Been Ascertained His french journey Has Recently differed, I thought I must wait for some explanation from Mr Graham respecting What Had Been Done in the Florida affair. a letter from Mr Earl of the land office made me Hope for a communication By the Same packet. it did Not come and I Will no longer differ to convey My thanks, My Sentiments, and the information in My power. Northern Burgh Acquaintance, My obligation to You and to Your So very kind Country men, and the Happy Remembrance and Association Relating to That time are all alive in my Grateful and affectionate mind.

The mode of disposing of a part of My Florida lands is By far the most Consonant to My principles and inclinations, as a firmly believe the greatest Service That can be rendered to That part of the Country is to supply it With a Set of Hardy, free, White Husband men Here By relieving, as much as We can, the Evils of a Slave System and the disadvantages of Slave labor. When I See Crowds of Germans, Swiss, french alsacian embarking from Havre for Newyork, and Since I Have Received Your Observations Respecting the Willingness of the Northern populations to Seek Settlements in the South as they are daily doing in the West, I Cannot But flatter myself That if it Might be immediately Obtained on a great Scale as least an Experiment of Some importance can be made, and a Capital May be found to purchase lands in Florida With That View, a Speculation for Which every facility Should Be Given in the Disposal of the Saleable portion of the property.

You know, My dear Sir, That on My leaving the U.S. I left my powers of attorney With Mr George Graham Commissioner for the General land office, a Gentleman Whose Respectable Character, and Knowledge in Such Concerns is Universally allowed. Since Which time, every

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Power to dispose, sell, and make final Arrangemens Has Been, in Justice from, forwarded to Him.
He Has on the Recommendation of Governor Duval, Judge Randal, Colonel Butler, Gal Cal, delegated
a Special agency to the Allen of Tallahassee, a much resp ted and intelligent gentleman. Shall
the present State of the question as settled before I had the pleasure to Hear from You.

As to the State of landed Estimes, it Has been from the Beginning wished for By the Inhabitans
and of Course I have made my family Arrangemens in such a manner that one half of the
property should be sold as Soon as possible. it Has been Advertised. the more lots should be made,
the better we doubt for the Improvement of the Country. Your Compliance to your views of the
Subject, the better suitable to the true Interest of Florida and to my own feelings, and happy I
wish be if You can promote it, Increase a Little prospect on the Sale.

After Having thus Ascertained the State of the Question, previous to Your and Captain
Allyn's letter, it remains only for me to Start from this point to Request Your entering into a
Communication to Mr George Graham, and as my family Situation dont allow me to Apply a
Capital in the Actual Cultivation of these Lands, to Hope that Your information, abilities,
and Generous deal with Enable You to Set on foot, if Not on the larger, at Least on a Smaller and
Experimental Scale an operation of that kind to which, I repeat it, my friend Mr Graham to whom
I Now write about it, will be disposed to offer every facility

Remember me, if You please, to my friends in Tallahassee and believe me with high Regard
and Grateful Affectionate

Your Sincer friend
Lafayette

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